

Amendments to the Claims:

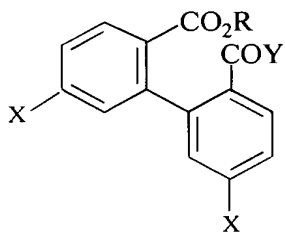
The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method for determining an absolute configuration of a chiral compound, which comprises steps of:

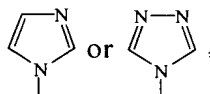
(a) selecting a chiral compound from the group consisting of alcohols, thiols and amines;

(b) introducing an achiral-~~CD~~ circular dichroism (CD) chromophore represented by formula I:



..... (I)

(wherein R is H, Me-, Et-, i-Pr-, n-Bu-, i-Bu- or t-Bu- and X is H, Me-, Me₂N-, MeO-, NO₂-, NH₂-, CN-, Cl or Br, and Y is OH-, CN-,



provided that X is Me₂N- or CN- when R=H and Y=OH, X is Me-, Me₂N-, NO₂-, NH₂- or CN- when R=Me and Y=OH, and X is Me-, Me₂N-, MeO-, NO₂-, NH₂- or CN- when R=Et and Y=OH, and R is t-Bu- when X=H and Y=OH) into the chiral compound; and

(c) determining ~~an~~ the absolute configuration of the chiral compound from relative bulkiness of a substituent on α -carbon, preferential order in a sequence rule (CIP method) and sign of exciton chirality.

4-5. (Canceled)